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2021 S. WARSON ROAD, LADUE | $10,500,000

A 10.76 acre estate designed by Maritz & Young was expanded and totally renovated in 1987. There are 3 primary structures on the property plus grounds' features. The 11,000 SF main house has formal rooms and wonderfully spacious family living areas. A southeastern exposure provides natural light to most rooms. Estate has 8 fireplaces, a 4-car heated garage, finished LL, 6,000-bottle wine cellar & exercise room. There is a 20' x 50' pool w/ Pebble Tec® brand finish & separate spa. The pool house features a large veranda, great room w/ fireplace, changing rooms, kitchen & regulation squash court plus basketball standard. The 2,500+ SF guest cottage features zoned HVAC, updated kitchen & baths, newer windows and a detached 2-car garage. A lake with fountain and boat dock overlook the 7,700 SF professionally maintained golf green with 3 tees & approaches, including one over the lake.

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3 EDGEWOOD ROAD, LADUE | $3,695,000

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1 HUNTLEIGH WOODS, HUNTLEIGH | $2,890,000

This 4.5-acre estate property was recently updated & redecorated. Designed for large scale entertaining w/ 10,000 SF on 2 levels w/ double atrium ranch design. All rooms have wonderful view of the property. Walnut floors on 1st floor, triple barrel vault ceiling in the great room, dining room w/ adjoining wine cellar & tasting room w/ stone detailing. Kitchen & hearth room have rustic wood accent detailing & coffered ceilings. Study has exceptional casework, 12' ceiling & rolling library ladder. Master suite has his & her baths & dressing rooms. Full walkout LL w/ circular stair from foyer, 2nd catering kitchen, great room & 500 SF banquet room overlooking 50' x 23' pool, tennis court & rear terrace. 700 SF exercise wing has sauna, juice bar/mini kitchen & full bath (exercise room overlooks the property). 3-car garage.

4 PORTLAND DRIVE, FRONTENAC | $1,725,000

Higginbotham-built home beautifully expanded and updated. Fabulous kitchen, hearth room, main floor master, & guest/study suite. Fabulous pool w/ fountain. Extensive millwork & case work, granite & hard surfaces. Hardwood floors, KitchenAid, Thermador, SubZero, Dacor, Fischer & Paykel appliances. Some LL finished – huge unfinished area with fireplace and stairs to pool deck. Whole house generator, music system, some flat screens, remote control blinds and some heated floors. Room for another 2-car garage.

177 PLANTATION DR., CREVE COEUR | $1,075,000

1-acre property was expanded & totally renovated (2002-06). Approx. 6,500 SF including 2,000 walk-out LL. Sophisticated modern look. State-of-the-art amenities include 18-zone music system & recessed lighting, granite, marble & custom cabinetry, Dacor, Miele & SubZero appliances. Yard has professional landscaping & 45' x 25' pool. Main level suite w/ luxury bath. 2nd-floor has a master w/ deluxe bath, walk-in closet & sitting room and additional 4 bedrooms & two baths. Finished LL w/ possible 7th bedroom, 2 full baths, mini kitchen/bar & exercise accesses pool. 4-car garage, zoned HVAC, irrigation, central vacuum, newer windows, roof & siding. Adjoins Malcolm Terrace Park.

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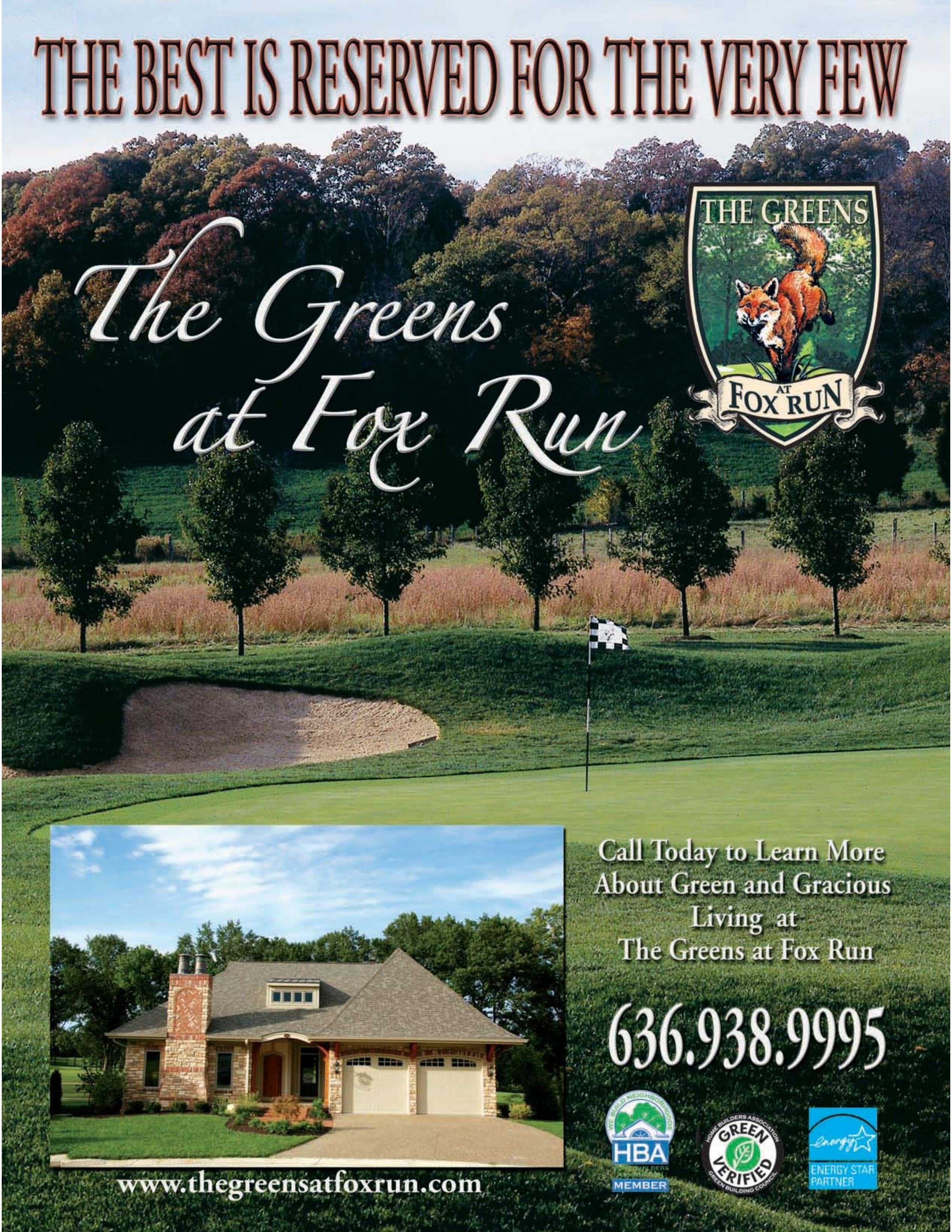
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A Gift to Yourself



The present is a gift. It's not always easy to be "in the moment." Slowing down is hard to do in all the hustle and bustle of everyday life. At this time of year, I find myself looking forward to the holidays on one hand and, simultaneously, feeling a bit overwhelmed by all there is to do. Amazingly, putting together this issue has been an unexpected remedy for being too busy to "stop and smell the roses."

With each featured home and project on the pages ahead, the beauty of the season unfolds in joyful fashion – and the happiness jumps out and grabs you. You'll want to spend time with each story, and let the clock "slow down" a bit so you can immerse yourself in the lifestyles of wonderful St. Louisans and marvel at their spaces, each transformed for the holidays with a heartfelt focus on celebrating the season of giving.

On pages 20-25, our Spotlight Space is an immediate breath of fresh "holiday-filled" air. Its vivid, joyous palette welcomes the season – and guests – to a cozy suite to have a cup of coffee, relax, and unwind. It is a wonderful place to enjoy the warmth of the season.

Our urban feature – the high-rise home of Vickie Newton and Dwayne Butler – is a sophisticated setting where the holidays reveal a gracious sense of hospitality and giving. A fabulous place for entertaining, the couple enjoys sharing their home for fund-raising, and the "moment" is always focused on thinking of others – family, friends and the community.

In the spirit of the season, Gordon and Jan Gundaker welcomed *SLHL* to their magnificent suburban home to share their love of this special time of year. From the moment you enter their home, its wondrous holiday ambience wraps you like a gift – one that you can't wait to share. The couple celebrates the season with giving in mind. Devoted to family, their "Gundaker family," and the community, they celebrate Christmas with great generosity.

Putting together this issue has been an extraordinary treat, and doing so has reminded me of the best part of the upcoming season – sharing time with one another and enjoying the spaces where we gather to be together.

On behalf of our staff at the magazine, may your holiday season unfold with peace, joy and many memorable moments. We extend our sincere thanks to you for inviting *SLHL* to be a part of your holiday. It's our pleasure to offer inspiration for your special gatherings, ideas for your surroundings and, most of all, to share the amazing homes, people and seasonal festivities of St. Louis – with you.

Enjoy the moment.

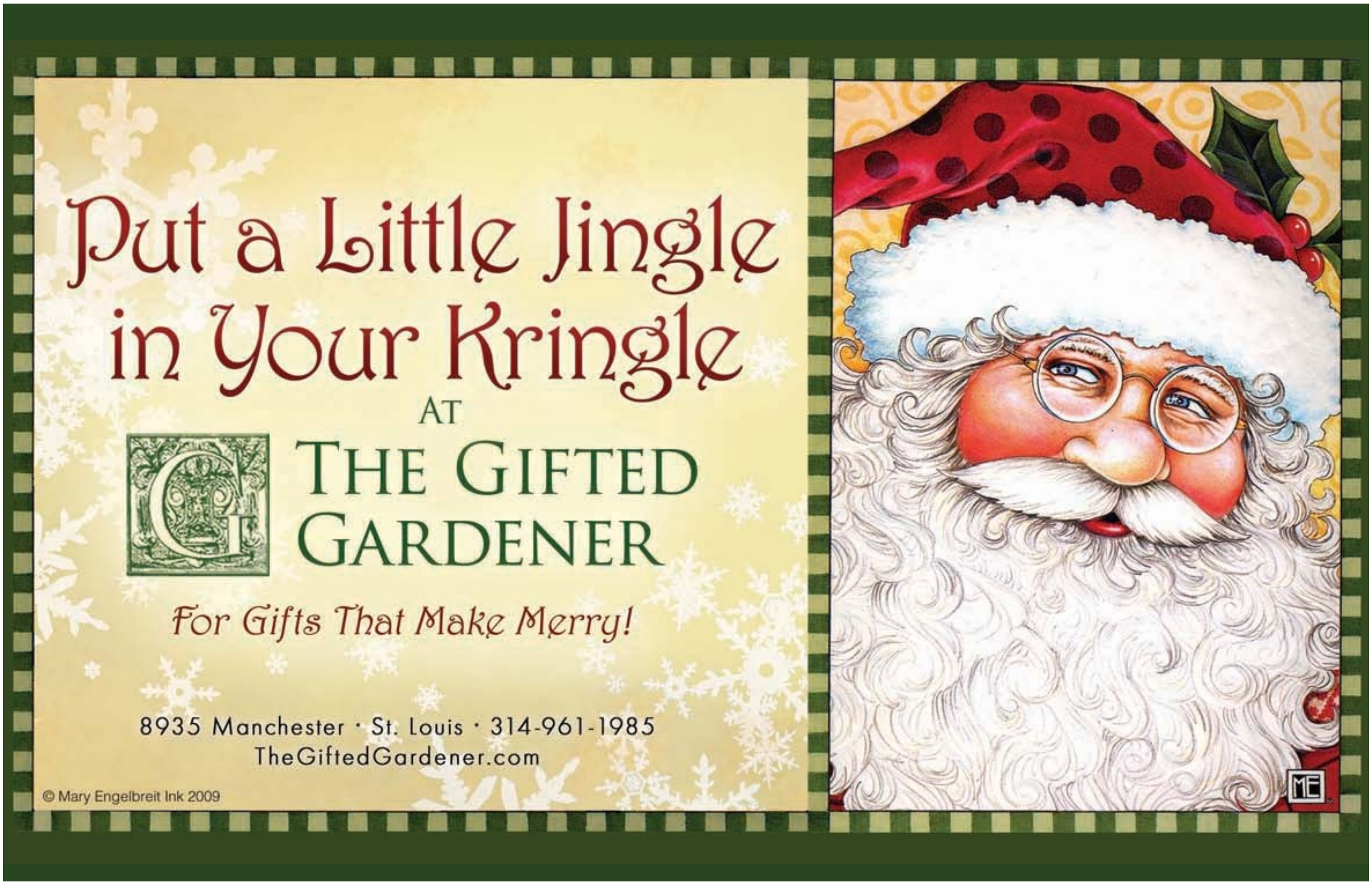


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Deck the halls with *bowls* of holly

A beautiful bowl serves as a stunning accent to a festive holiday table… and makes a glamorous gift, too.

BY KATIE UNDERHILL


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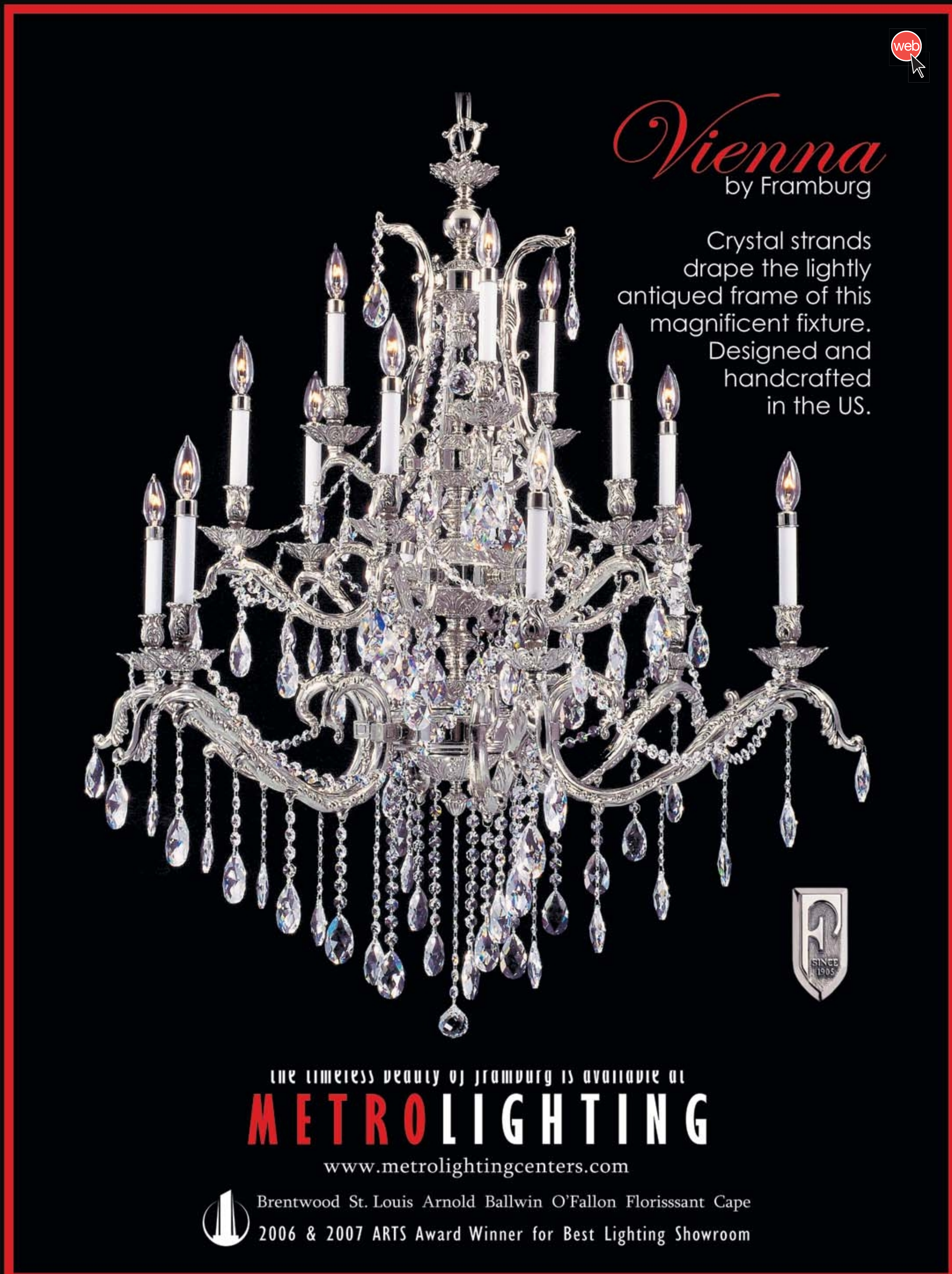

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Kitchen and Bath Q+A

Cutting-Edge Design

Jason Cutter, CKBI, CKBR, of Cutter's Custom Kitchens & Baths, shares his thoughts on kitchen and bath design.

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KITCHEN AND BATH Q+A

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What are some new trends in kitchen and bath design that will be available at Cutter's in 2010? Consumers will be looking for kitchens that are functional and beautifully designed, but also for a good value. Smart space planning and excellent customer service are top priorities for consumers. I think we'll continue to see horizontal wood grains on slab doors in both very dark and natural finishes, and there has been a resurgence of inset door style construction.

How would you approach renovation projects in older homes? In older homes, attention to detail is vital. It is crucial to be thinking ahead constantly, for example, measuring the ceiling and determining if it needs to be leveled. The designer also needs to be sensitive to the design, moldings and trim in regard to the original style of the home. The finished product should look as if it could have been installed in the house originally, if the products had existed at that time.

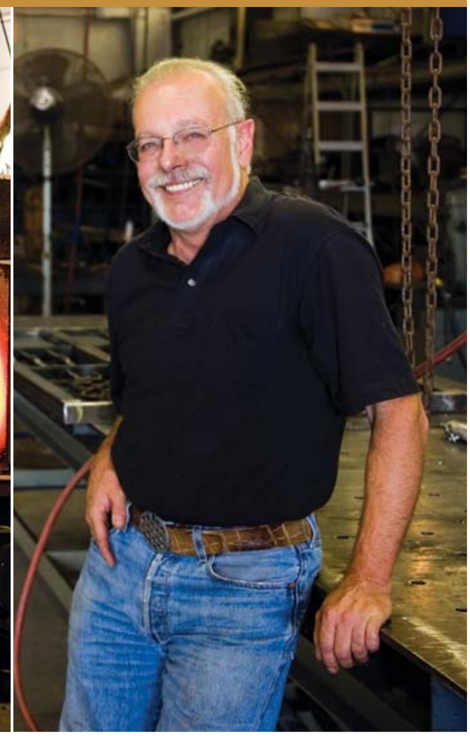
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"Customer service throughout the remodeling process is essential."

Hammering out the Details

Eureka Forge leads the way in metalwork craftsmanship.





Todd Kinnikin, the president and self-proclaimed ringmaster

of Eureka Forge, has taken what was once a one-man artisan studio to a company of 14 talented artisans who possess a myriad of skills from mechanical engineering and welding to sculpting. As the protégé son of an artist mother and engineer father, and the grandson of a blacksmith, Todd turned his hobby of making Damascus knives into one of the best forging companies with clients throughout Missouri, the United States and the world. When Todd retired from the construction business in 1992 and began his career in metallurgy, he asked his good friend Rodney Roots to assist him with a two-week project. "If I have a knack, it is hiring people better than I am," says Todd. Today, Rodney is the workshop's Forgemaster. Collaborative team efforts and Todd's expectation of hard work and excellence puts Eureka Forge at the forefront of creating some of the most beautiful metalwork in North America.

The company's outstanding international reputation as a leading producer of intricate door-locking mechanisms and custom metalwork earned it the Mitch Heitler Award for Excellence – the industry's highest honor – in 2006, 2007 and 2009. From balustrades, fences and gates, to furnishings, décor and sculptures, their work appears worldwide in custom homes, botanical gardens, museums and restaurants.

Todd, a proud father, reports that the legacy continues with his son Michael, a mechanical engineer. The engineering of a project is so important, and Todd explains, "This business is very mathematical. We use a lot of complicated geometry because you need to know what size steel to use and how to support the structure." On the table sitting in front of him is a beautifully sculpted bronze piece of art – a rose, complete with a flowing stem and amazingly detailed leaves. "I could not draw that," Todd says, pointing to the rose. "That's why I make it out of steel."

BY BARBARA PFITZINGER
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man of steel

Todd Kinnikin, president of Eureka Forge, fondly refers to his profession of working with steel as a "blast."
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A guest room *delights*

Vibrant colors and unexpected details
make this holiday-inspired guest room a sweet surprise.

BY JUDY UELK PHOTOGRAPHY BY MICHAEL JACOB



Oh, to be the lucky guests invited to stay a night – or maybe two – at the lovely Brentwood home Jim and Mandi O'Leary share with their three small children, James, Lucy and Peter. Never mind that this gracious residence wraps you in warmth the moment you set foot inside the door. Or that its charming hosts implore you to enjoy their home as if it were yours. No, the real treat awaits you at the top of the stairs. It's a holiday gift that Jim and Mandi have created especially for their family and friends, or anyone lucky enough to be invited to stay.

With the vision of Mary Stieven, owner of MKS Designs, Inc., the O'Learys' guest room has been transformed into a fairyland of vibrant colors and traditional twists that says "happy holidays" in a fresh and unexpected way.

Against a backdrop of snowy white walls, Mary introduced a palette of saturated hues that pop to the foreground. "Mandi had painted a cocktail table a deep raspberry," says Mary. "That table dictated the sofa's rich deep pink upholstery and allowed me to bring in golden yellow, various shades of greens, and vibrant teal."

According to Mary, "teal is the latest and greatest holiday color." The greenish-blue teal,

"Decorating is like finding the perfect little black dress. Make it timeless, and you'll always be drawn to it."

– Mary Stieven, MKS Designs, Inc.

Left: Small boxwood wreaths were added to each of two French Country style chairs with monogrammed, customized cushions to make them more "holiday."

however, has been replaced with a robin's-egg or Tiffany & Co. blue shade. "The vivid hue lends itself to a crisper design," says Mary.

This happy room, dressed for the holidays, can't help but put you in a festive spirit. As you move into the space, you immediately notice the thoughtful furniture choices and accessories that bring it to life, not only for the holidays, but for every day. "Decorating is like choosing the perfect little black dress," she says. "Make it timeless, and you'll always be

Opposite page: The room's dynamic colors and accessories, such as two dramatic lamps with bright raspberry artichoke bases, make a bold statement. **Right:** The room's finishing holiday touches included custom greenery, a brightly upholstered sofa and a unique combination of accessories, which contributed to the look of "art" in the space. **Below:** Custom-designed floral bedding marries all of the room's vibrant hues. A teal bedskirt floats to the floor like a ball gown, while matching tufted Euro shams sport ruched sides resembling a fine dressmaker's detail.







"Teal is the latest and greatest holiday color."

– Mary Stieven, MKS Designs, Inc.







drawn to it. That's what you must do when you dress a home."

"I know what I like," says Mandi, who with the expert advice and assistance of her decorator mother-in-law, has done much of the home's interior herself. "Jim's mom, Susan, has been pivotal in helping me create a warm, inviting and beautiful home. That's why, when I saw Mary Stieven's Christmas designs in a previous issue of *St. Louis Homes and Lifestyles*, I knew that she would be a wonderful complement to what Susan and I had already done."

Needless to say, Mandi and Jim couldn't be happier with the enchanting results. "We're lucky to have Jim's family in town," she says, "but my parents live in Florida. So it's wonderful to be able to offer them such a charming retreat when they visit."

The O'Learys' guest room, transformed into a merry and bright holiday haven, is indeed a charming place to kick off your shoes, plop down on the bed and just enjoy staying a night – or maybe two. •

Above: A Christmas tree adorned with hundreds of twinkling white lights, oversized ball ornaments, and sumptuous trailing ribbons reigns supreme in a corner of the room. **Left:** A swag of traditional garland is punctuated by bright teal and raspberry bows and sets the stage for a large tapered French basket overflowing with seasonal greenery, including red reindeer moss. *See page 76 for resources.*

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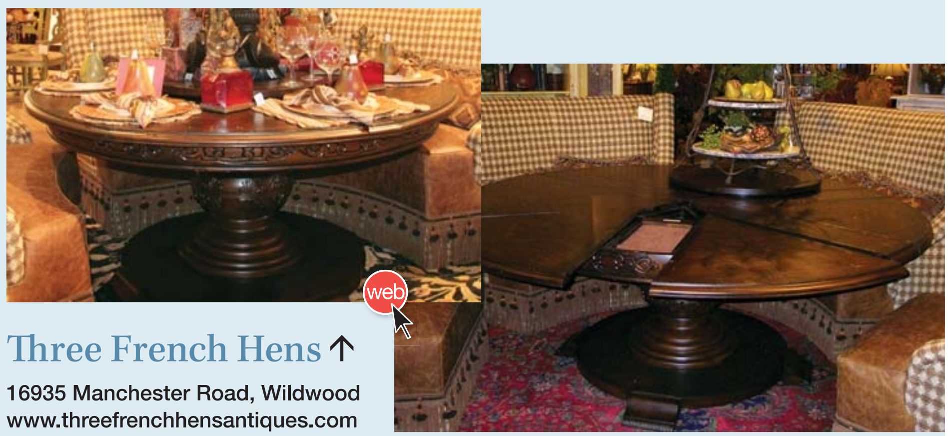
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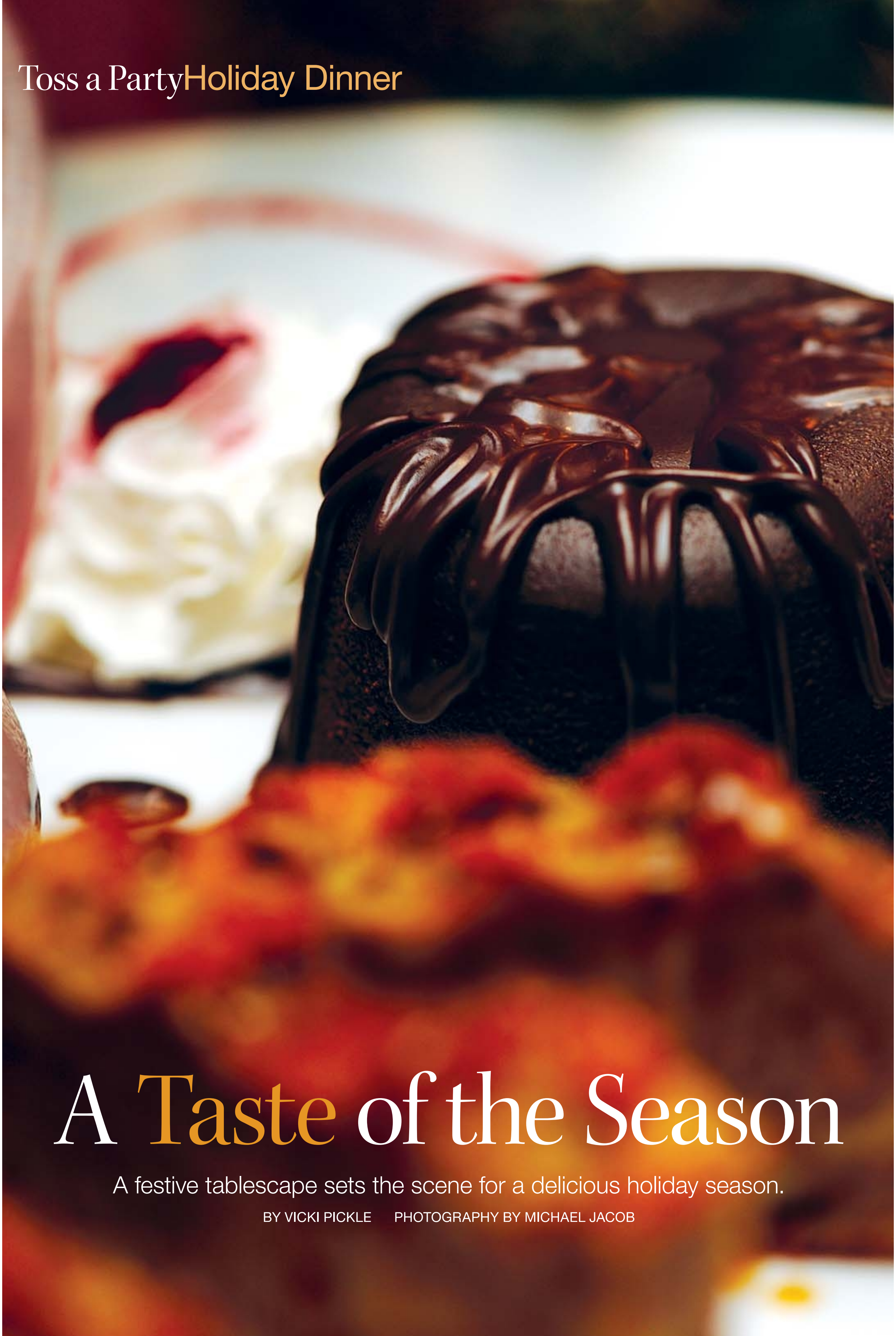
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A Taste of the Season

A festive tablescape sets the scene for a delicious holiday season.

BY VICKI PICKLE   PHOTOGRAPHY BY MICHAEL JACOB

For a scrumptious and flavorfully unique holiday menu to kindle the season of entertaining, Judy Uelk, *SLHL*'s Editor-at-Large, and sister-in-law Sarah Cummings called Trattoria Branica to prepare a Thanksgiving Day buffet that was sure to spark the holiday season.

With a variety of delicious selections by Chef Peppe Profeta, it is a menu that easily works well for any seasonal gathering, no matter the size, and was a hit with family at the holiday dinner at the Cummings'.

"You can focus your time and energy on family, when a fabulous party comes to you," says Sarah. To complement the catered buffet, her husband Andy made his traditional signature chestnut soup – a favorite at family holiday dinners. Sarah, Andy and their three sons were hosts to Judy, Mike and their children, as well as brother Greg and his friend Shelly. Grandparents "Pop Pop" and "Dearie" are always excited to join the fun.

"It was great to have the chance to watch the annual backyard Thanksgiving Day football game – a tradition for all of the kids in the family," says Sarah. And both Sarah and Judy agreed, "The day was such a treat. We usually cook all day, but this year we had a chance to relax, watch the 'game' and have a glass of wine before dinner."

The day culminated with the delicious holiday dinner. The Cummings' dining room, with its traditional décor, had been beautifully accessorized by interior designer Mim Phillips for the gathering with a nature-inspired tablescape that featured the sparkle that every holiday party needs.

"I recently visited a restaurant in New York, and I was inspired by the idea to use organic elements and accessories with touches of glam to jump-start the holiday season," says Mim. Against a rich, mulberry backdrop, the sparkling, candlelit tablescape was, in Mim's own words, "simple glamour."



"It was great to see Sarah, the ultimate Thanksgiving Day hostess, able to relax and enjoy the party," says Judy. "The menu was a welcome twist on traditional Thanksgiving fare. There was something to tempt everyone with the season's bounty." •

Opposite page: Warm dark chocolate mini truffle cake. **Above:** Specialty cheese platter with artisan cheeses and an assortment of dried fruits and nuts. **Below:** Grilled filet of beef with Chianti and shallot butter served with homemade mashed potatoes and grilled asparagus.





Interior designer Mim Phillips draped the holiday table with dazzling ornaments and accessories with hints of gold and copper. Florals were arranged with autumn red mums and lush hydrangeas from Steven Mueller Florist.

This Photo: Herb glazed Cornish hens with amaretto cranberry chutney. **Below:** (left to right) Sarah Cummings and Judy Uelk. **Bottom left:** Holiday dessert tray. *See page 76 for resources.*

"Wishing you a 'Buone Feste' with these menu ideas for the season."

– Executive Chef Peppe Profeta, Trattoria Branica





Holiday Dinner Menu

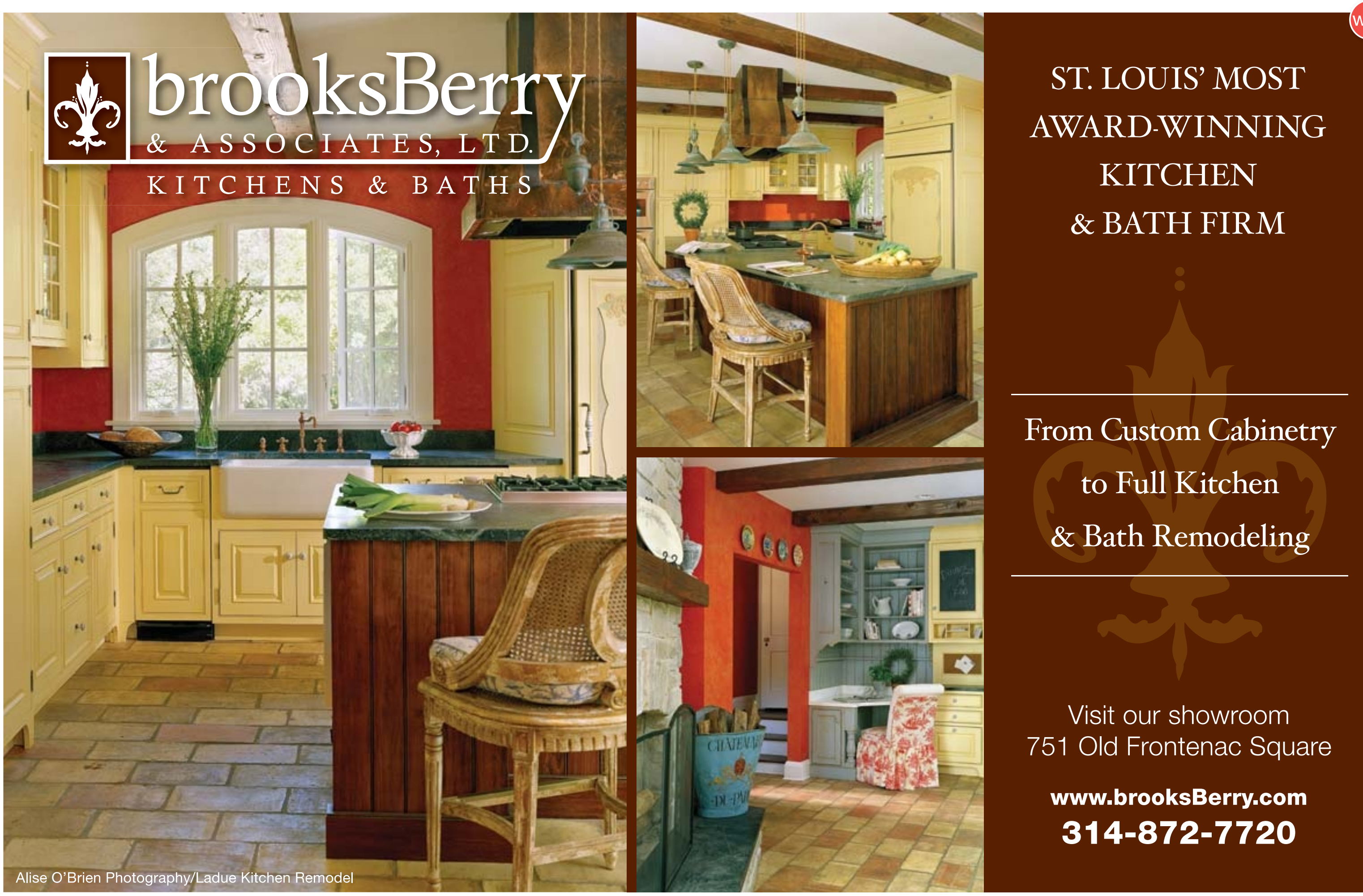
Prepared by Chef Peppe Profeta of Trattoria Branica

- Specialty cheese platter with artisan cheeses and an assortment of dried fruits and nuts
- Herb glazed Cornish hens with amaretto and cranberry chutney
- Goat cheese, spinach and walnut stuffed pork chops
- Grilled filet of beef with Chianti and shallot butter served with homemade mashed potatoes and grilled asparagus
- Dessert: raspberry sorbet, warm dark chocolate mini truffle cakes, and Trattoria Branica specialty bread pudding with bourbon sauce and golden raisins
- Host's signature family recipe: chestnut soup

Wine Sidebar:

Adam Japko, author of Wine Zag blog , http://winezag.wordpress.com, offers the perfect wine pairings for a holiday menu.

- Specialty cheese platter paired with 2008 Zardetto Prosecco Zeta
- Herb glazed Cornish hens paired with 2007 Castle Rock California Cuvee Pinot Noir
- Grilled filet of beef paired with 2007 Mollydooker Gigglepot Cabernet Sauvignon
- Holiday dessert selections paired with 2007 Chapoutier Banyuls
- Chestnut soup paired with 2007 Peirson Meyer Chardonnay, Charles Heintz Vineyard, Sonoma Coast



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November 6 & 7

Weavers' Guild of St. Louis 27th Annual Sale. Daily demonstrations of weaving, spinning and fiber art in addition to the sale of handwoven clothing and accessories, hand-dyed silk scarves and garments, unique handmade jewerly, interior furnishings like woven rugs, placemats, baskets and wallpieces for the home. Brentwood Community Center, 2505 S. Brentwood Boulevard. Friday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Free. For more information: 636-343-5643 or www.weaversguildstl.org.

November 10

Earthways Center presents "Uniquely Holiday 'Green': Eco-friendly Entertaining Made Easy." Want to have a beautiful, fun yet eco-friendly holiday? This class will provide easy, inexpensive tricks of the trade to entertain sustainably. From offsetting your energy to creating table décor with upcycled materials, you'll leave with a surplus of ideas for making your holiday uniquely green. 6:30 – 8 p.m. EarthWays Center, 3617 Grandel Square. $12 for Missouri Botanical Garden members, $15 for nonmembers. For more information: 314-577-0220 or earthways.center@mobot.org.

Beginning November 25

Victorian Christmas at Tower Grove House. See the Victorian country home of Garden founder Henry Shaw decked for the season with wreaths, garland, floral centerpieces, greenery and a holiday tree. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sunday, 1 – 4 p.m. Ends January 3. Included with Garden admission. For more information: 314-577-0220 or mobot.org.

December 4, 5, 11 and 12

Historic Daniel Boone Home and Boonesfield Village Annual Candlelight Tour. Step away from the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping to enjoy an unforgettable night. The entire Daniel Boone Home and surrounding village will be illuminated by thousands of candles lighting each building and walkway. Artisans, musicians, choirs, and town folks greet and entertain guests as they make their way through the homes and shops of yesteryear. Hot drinks and cookies will be offered to all visitors. 6 – 9 p.m. each night. $15 adults, $10 children ages 4-11. Advance tickets are $13 adults, $8 children. For more information: 636-798-2005 or www.lindenwood.edu/boone.

December 6

St. Charles House Tour. Tour six St. Charles homes, decorated for the holidays, which represent "St. Charles through the years," in recognition of the city's bicentennial celebration. 1 – 5 p.m. Tickets are $12 each. For more information: 636-947-0376 or www.stcharlescitymo.gov.

December 12 & 19

Laumeier Sculpture Park presents "Fabulous Frames." Learn to make unique clay picture frames with a personal touch; great gifts for family and friends. All ages welcome. Saturdays, 1 – 2:30 p.m. ArtSpace at Crestwood Court, Watson Road & Sappington Road. $15 nonmember/$13 member or $10 nonmember/$9 member each for two or more members of the same family. For more information: www.laumeier.org or 314-615-5269.

December 13

Lafayette Square Annual Holiday Parlor Tour. A self-guided walking tour of Victorian homes in this historic neighborhood. Enjoy complimentary refreshments and horse-drawn carriage rides through the pathways of Lafayette Park. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tickets are $15 in advance, $18 on day of tour, and groups of 20 or more may purchase tickets for $12 each. For more information: 314-772-5724 or www.lafayettesquare.org.

ART/GALLERIES

November 3 & 10

Tours at The Missouri Botanical Garden and Saint Louis Art Museum. These organizations have partnered to offer themed, guided tours at both locations. On either Tuesday, visit the Art Museum at 10:30 a.m. to tour their latest exhibition, "Five Centuries of Japanese Screens: masterpieces from the Saint Louis Art Museum and The Art Institute of Chicago." Then head to the Garden at 1:30 p.m. to tour the 14-acre Japanese Garden, Seiwa-en, one of the largest and most authentic Japanese strolling gardens in North America (meet at the Boat Basin). Tours are included with Museum exhibit or Garden admission. For more information: www.slam.org or www.mobot.org.

Through December 5, 2009

"St. Louis through the Lens: Irvin Schankman Memorial Photography." Gallery 210 at the University of Missouri-St. Louis presents a generous vision of the St. Louis region and the changes that have occurred over the past 50 years. In addition to the juried exhibition there will be a selected exhibition of work by Irv Schankman. Gallery open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Gallery 210, One University Blvd., 44 East Dr., TCC. Free. For more information: 314-516-5952 or gallery210.umsl.edu.

GARDEN

November 4

Missouri Botanical Garden presents "Growing Orchids." Learn about light, temperature, water requirements and maintenance practices such as fertilizing, dividing and repotting in a class for both orchid novices and enthusiasts. 7 – 9 p.m. Ridgway Visitor Center, Missouri Room. $30. Advance registration required at www.mobot.org/classes or 314-577-5140.

November 16

Missouri Botanical Garden presents "Little Sprouts: Winter Series." Participants in this class for kids and adults will visit the "houses" at the Garden and learn about the plants growing inside. Ages two to three with an adult. Four-week series from 10 to 11:30 a.m. beginning Nov. 16. $72 for the series. Advance registration required at www.mobot.org/classes or 314-577-5140.

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Beginning December 5
"Inspired by the Garden" Holiday Trimmings at the Kemper Center. Enjoy a 15-foot balsam fir tree naturally decorated with over 50 "gourdaments" and gourd birdhouses to celebrate the Garden's 150th anniversary. New this year, vote for the "visitor's choice" award for your favorite gourd! All decorated gourds are sold by silent auction bidding. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Ends January 3. Kemper Center for Home Gardening. Included with Garden admission. For more information: 314-577-0220 or mobot.org.

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November 5
Earthways Center presents "Planning Your New Green Home – No 'Greenwashing' Allowed." Ready to build your dream home? Maximize your investment by building green! You will leave this intensive workshop an informed consumer of nationally-established rating systems, able to apply eco-logic to your planning and construction processes, and avoid unsubstantiated green claims. Print resources cover many specific homebuilding elements. Pizza and beverages provided. 5:30 – 9 p.m. EarthWays Center, 3617 Grandel Square. $16 Missouri Botanical Garden members, $20 nonmembers. For more information: 314-577-0220 or earthways.center@mobot.org.

December 6
The Missouri History Museum's Second Annual Green Living Expo. Come meet local merchants and service providers committed to being good stewards of the Earth. Just in time for the holidays, the Expo will feature vendors selling everything from locally produced honey to organic cotton clothing and shopping bags. Additional participants will provide information about green cleaning, energy savings plans, and other eco-friendly services. Throughout the day, you will have the opportunity to view demonstrations related to "greening" your home. Be sure to check out "Missouri Botanical Garden: Green for 150 Years," a gallery installation chronicling the history of the oldest continually operating botanical garden in the nation. 12 – 4 p.m. Missouri History Museum in Forest Park. Free. For more information: mohistory.org

December 19
The Annual Green Gift Bazaar. Alton's unique, Earth-friendly event offers local, environmentally friendly gifts and products for holiday wish lists or for home use. Kids can make a free take-home holiday nature craft. Live holiday music and organic snacks and drinks provided. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Alton Square Mall, 223 Market Street, Alton, IL. Free. For more information: 618-462-6802.

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November 20
Historic Belleville's Tenth Annual Gingerbread Walk. Enjoy a "funtastical" self-guided walk past shop windows filled with gingerbread houses and other creations. Continues through January. Free. For more information: 800-677-WALK.

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December 6
Chanukah: Festival of Lights Celebration at the Missouri Botanical Garden. A traditional Jewish holiday celebration that includes festive Israeli music and dance, a menorah-lighting ceremony, and Chanukah merchandise provided by local vendors and the Garden Gate Shop. 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Ridgway Visitor Center. Included with Garden admission. For more information: 314-577-5100 or www.mobot.org.

December 6
Taste of Chocolate. Taste the chocolates of Grafton! Enjoy a plate of homemade chocolate desserts donated by different businesses and restaurants in Grafton. There will be many different goodies to choose from. Recipe booklets are available for $2.50 each. This is a great time to shop for all on your Christmas list! 12 – 5 p.m. Grafton Winery & Brewhaus, 300 W. Main Street. Tickets are $6. For more information: 618-786-7000.

December 30
Kwanzaa: Festival of the First Fruits at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Kwanzaaa is a Swahili term that means "first fruits," and this contemporary African-American holiday centers around the feast table of the harvest. A Kwanzaa ceremony highlights a day of storytelling, craft and jewelry displays and authentic African drumming and musical performances. 12 – 4 p.m. Ridgway Visitor Center. Included with Garden admission. For more information: 314-577-5100 or www.mobot.org.

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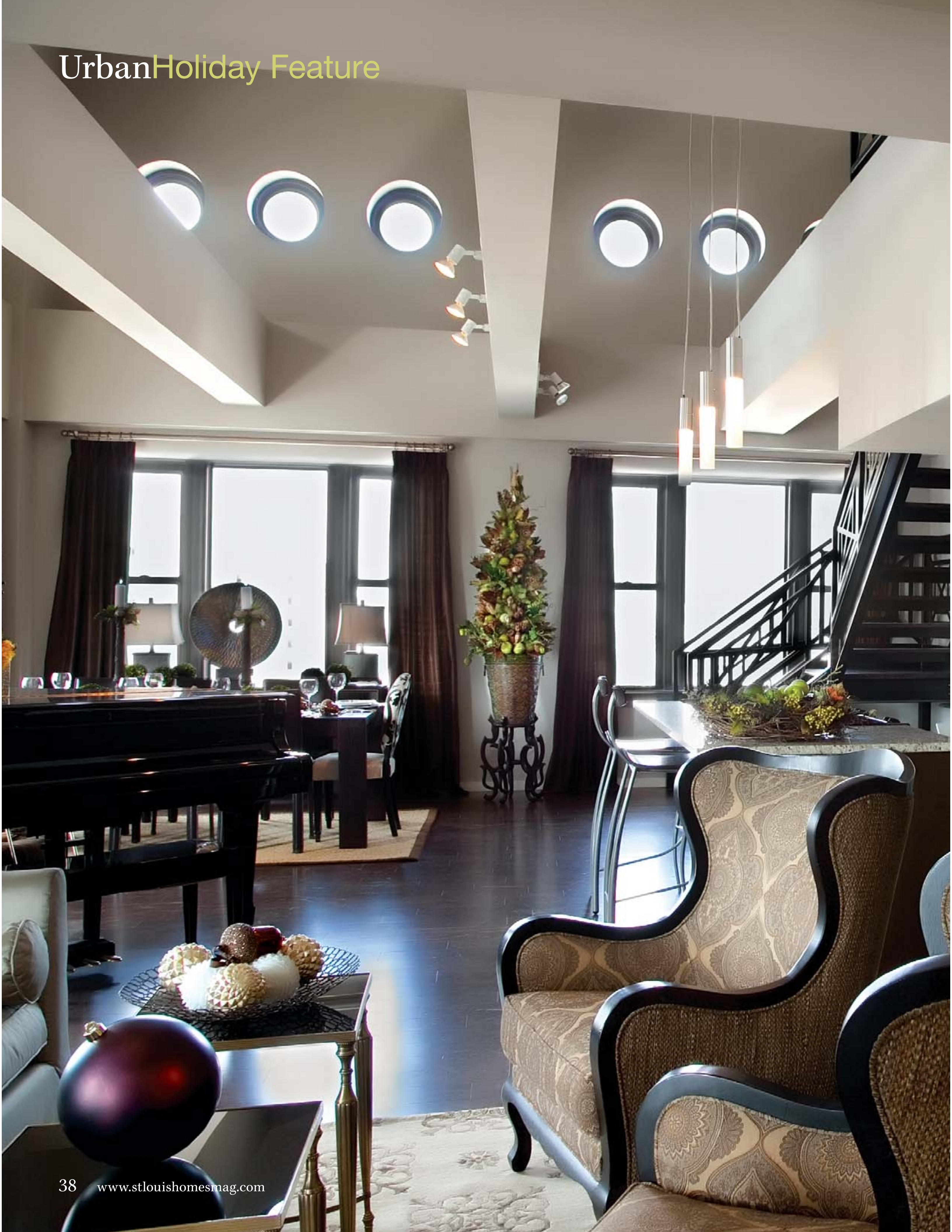
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A Holiday Silhouette

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BY JUDY UELK PHOTOGRAPHY BY ROB GRIMM

Perched at the pinnacle of a spectacular downtown high-rise is the heavenly haven of "News 4 St. Louis" anchor and reporter, Vickie Newton. Vickie is married to Dwayne Butler, CEO of the Betty Jean Kerr People's Health Centers. Vickie has poured her heart into making this eclectic urban penthouse a warm and welcoming gathering place for family, friends and community. "What is most important to me," says Vickie, "is to have a home that is a safe haven. I feel cocooned here, and yet the city is right at my fingertips. It really is the best of both worlds. I can have my privacy, but still maintain a window on the city I love."

With the city as the backdrop, Vickie and Dwayne love to entertain. Calling to mind her Southern roots (Vickie was born in Arkansas), the ultimate hostess quips, "I have that hospitality gene. You know what they say, 'all a Southern woman needs is an excuse to have a party.' That's so true!"

This community-minded couple enjoys welcoming guests for grand fêtes, or more intimate get-togethers. Avid fund-raisers, their penthouse is the ideal gathering spot for hosting events that aid charities near and dear to their hearts, such as The United Way, St. Louis Crisis Nursery, The Literacy Roundtable and The Archway Links. And since both Vickie and Dwayne have family in town, birthday celebrations, anniversary toasts and even the occasional Nintendo® Wii™ tournament can crop up at any time. Now, with the holidays upon them, you can be sure that their chic urban setting will be a much-anticipated destination for many guests.

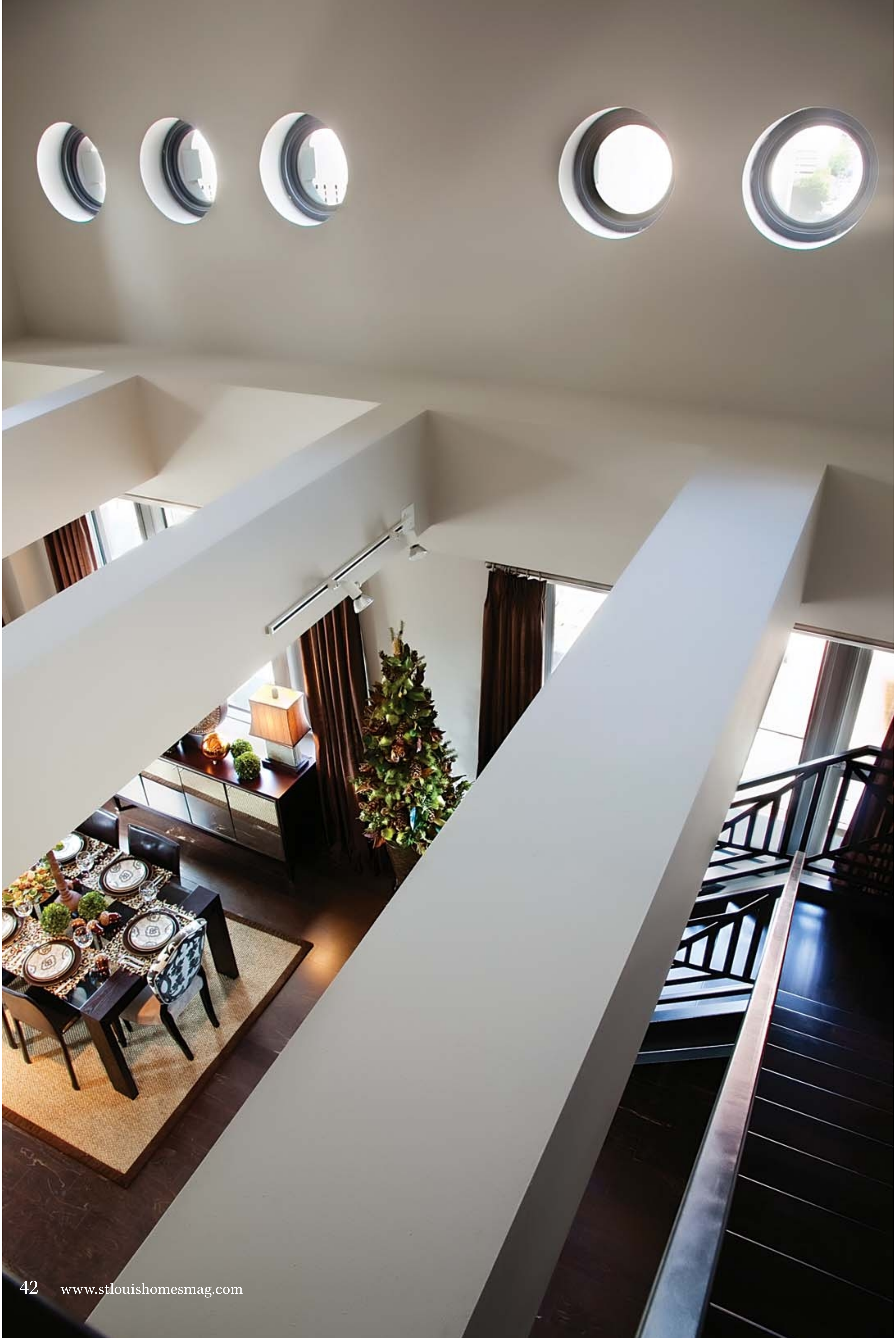
The ambience for these good times couldn't be more perfect. Scott Hepper, master floral designer for Carriage House Florals at Diane Breckenridge Interiors, created a stunning holiday display of coppers, silvers, golds and greens. The shimmering earth tones enhance the home's sophisticated natural color palette. With a nod to Vickie's love of Southern elegance, the fresh designscape includes glorious magnolia leaves and pods.

"I want everyone who visits to feel cared for and welcomed." – Vickie Newton



Opening pages: The architecturally rich elements in this urban home give the space its sleek yet soft lines. A nature-adorned Christmas tree finds a perfect spot against the window-lined setting and melds beautifully with the homeowners' furnishings. The tree and holiday arrangements were designed by Scott Hepper, master floral designer for Carriage House Florals at Diane Breckenridge Interiors. Locally grown grapevine was used to make the wreath that finds its place as an unexpected centerpiece on the kitchen island. A silver bowl with a vine motif is placed in the center and is filled with holiday green apples. **Above:** Atop the contemporary fireplace mantel in the inviting living space is an eclectic vignette of giant pewter iconic Monopoly pieces that adds a touch of whimsy to the holiday décor with a small floral arrangement spilling out of the shoe. Dried Sarracenia in muted reds and greens emerges from a vase, adding height to the creative, fun, youthful arrangement. **Opposite page:** An overhead view of the living space.







“Home is what anchors me.” – Vickie Newton

“I love the comfortable surroundings here,” says Vickie. “I want everyone who visits to feel cared for and welcomed.” You would be hard-pressed to feel otherwise. Soft, comfy seating, dark, warm woods and simple silk drapery panels framing the magnificent vistas all add to the ambience that wraps you in comfort and well-being.

An accomplished pianist, Vickie displays her black grand piano as a stunning focal point in the main living area. To dress it up for the holidays, Scott Hepper chose hammered nickel vases, representative of the towering cityscape, and he added roses to soften the look.

When it’s time to dine, guests will enjoy a cosmopolitan setting with touches of Southern nostalgia. The eclectic mix of contemporary china, animal print placemats and towering candlesticks come together for a twist on the traditional holiday tablescape. Fresh boxwood spheres bring a pop of green to the urban-inspired palette of rich earth tones. Scattered on the tabletop, oversized glass acorns in a rich brown hue are a fun addition and can be displayed throughout the year.

The couple’s penthouse is an architectural and sculptural marvel. Soaring ceilings with creamy-colored beams that stretch and connect the entire length of the space are stunning to behold and create a contemporary urban grandeur. Vickie’s impeccable sense of style, coupled with her innate Southern perspective, brought this high-rise heaven down to earth and made it cozy in spite of itself.





“I love the energy of living downtown,” says Vickie. “It’s exciting to be a part of the revitalization of St. Louis. And of course it’s great to live so close to my work; it’s easy to be there every night for dinner with Dwayne.” Obviously, home is where the heart is for these two. “Dwayne and I love spending time in this wonderful space, whether we are entertaining or simply enjoying the quiet and each other,” says Vickie. Smiling, she adds, “Home is what anchors me.” •

Previous pages: Overhead view of the high-rise’s prominent entertaining space; Arrangements in hammered nickel vases atop a grand piano mimic the structure of the city buildings just outside the large windows. **Opposite page:** A non-traditional holiday tablescape takes its cues from the contemporary setting while incorporating a touch of nostaligia in the centerpiece, which includes magnolia leaves and pods, a nod to the Southern elegance that Vickie loves. **Above and left:** “I played off of the natural colors of the cityscape,” says Scott Hepper, “and brought in patches of the greenscape.” *See page 76 for design resources.*





Capturing Christmas

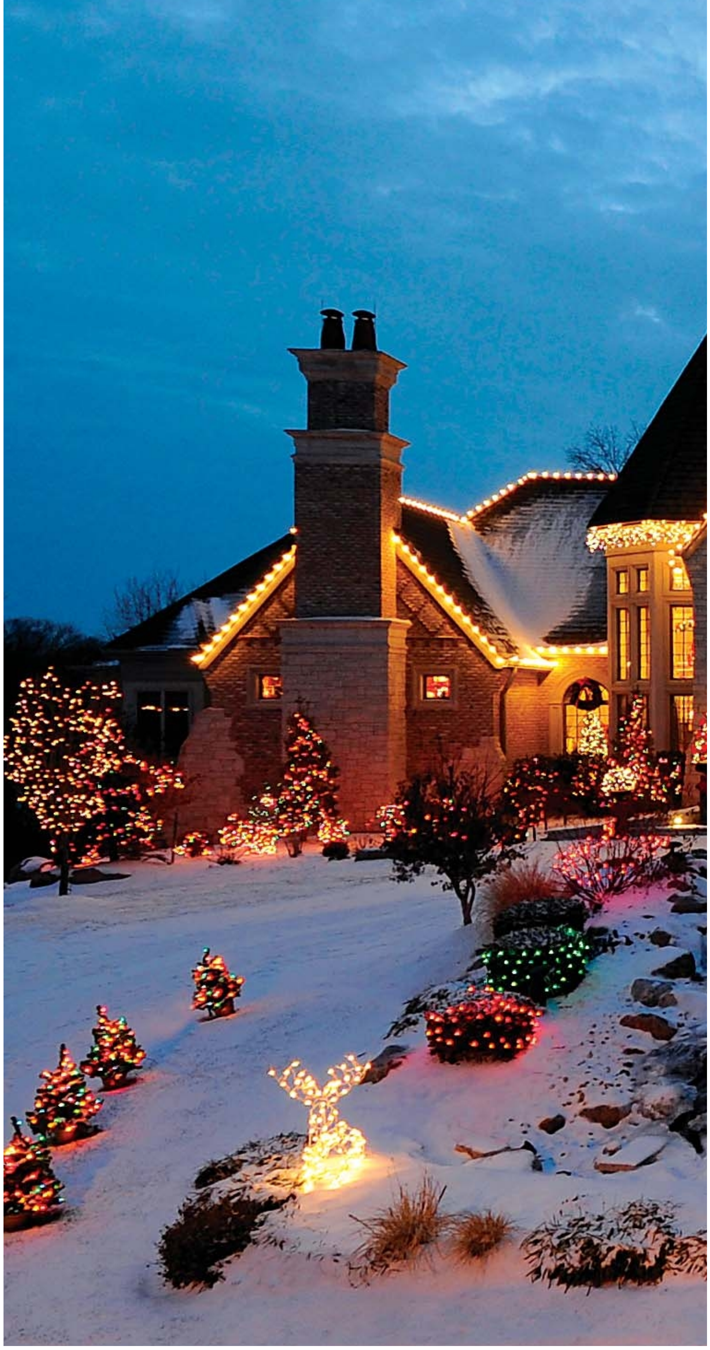


Adorned for the holidays, the custom-built home of Gordon and Jan Gundaker sparkles with sheer elegance and the wonderment of the season.

BY VICKI PICKLE PHOTOGRAPHY BY MICHAEL JACOB

"Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas-time."

– Laura Ingalls Wilder



As if Christmas waved a magic wand over Gordon and Jan Gundaker's superbly magnificent Chesterfield home, the wonder of the season captures your heart at first glance.

Beginning at the home's spectacular entry foyer, holiday-adorned displays set the stage for enveloping, sparkling discovery. With the same element of surprise as a classic Christmas window display at Macy's, the virtual "winter wonderland" enwraps the home with holiday enchantment. "Each room shines with its own character," says Jan.

The custom-built residence by Lisk Custom Homes is a grand setting for holiday parties and embodies many Old World-inspired architectural features. The design creation features an open floor plan for entertaining ease and exudes a comfortable yet elegant ambience. The Gundakers' home truly invites the season with gracious warmth.



"We both enjoy the decorating process, and Gordon loves to shop," says Jan. "If we see something we like, we buy it because we enjoy looking at it." Exquisite yet comfortably appointed spaces are the breathtaking backdrops for imaginative holiday scenery.

With an eclectic combination of whimsical décor, the holiday menagerie brightens the Gundaker residence with an abundance of magical surprise. Fanciful design – with bigger-than-life displays – spotlights a cherished season with its childlike spirit. It is a Christmas masterpiece to behold. (Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.)

"Since I was a kid, the Christmas tree was left up



Opening pages: The dining room is adorned with a custom-made chandelier by Schonbek with a delicate balance of Swarovski Spectra Crystal and Heritage Handcut Crystal with an heirloom quality. Colorful, whimsical décor adds the unexpected to the traditional space. **Left:** Touches of classic Christmas are showcased throughout the holiday-adorned residence. **Above:** Thousands of holiday lights punctuate the landscape. The setting welcomes family, friends (and of course, Santa) with its brilliant illumination. **Right:** The "hub" of the home is the spacious kitchen and hearth room. The kitchen's custom cabinetry includes a hand-painted distressed finish mixed with areas of cherry wood and enhanced with a hand-applied glaze. Brazilian granite countertops, an onyx backsplash, and hand-brushed limestone floors finish the polished yet comfortable gathering space.







until my birthday – March 8," says Gordon with a smile. "I've always loved Christmas."

When asked to describe themselves, Gordon and Jan say, "We are family-oriented, and we enjoy taking care of others." Holiday celebrating begins at Thanksgiving and continues through the season. Multiple family gatherings, including a Christmas Eve get-together at the Gundaker home with kids and grandkids, mark the season of sharing.

"On Christmas Day, family members drop by, and it's very relaxed," says Jan. With the advantage of spacious gathering areas for family events (combined, the couple has 9 children, 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild), the holidays are always a busy and lively time of year.

An after-holiday party at their home extends the festive

Above: A formal great room sparkles with elegance. A wet bar features custom cherry wood cabinets with art glass and marble countertops to complete the sophisticated look. **Left:** Holiday charm glistens in one of the home's richly appointed powder rooms. **Opposite page:** An impressive entryway with polished marble flooring leads to the custom "floating" staircase, enhanced with hand-carved balusters, newel posts and custom iron balconies tied together with a continuous cherry wood handrail. The hand-painted dome, complete with indirect lighting, is a magnificent focal point. Holiday displays by Michael Shreves.


“We are family-oriented, and we enjoy taking care of others. On Christmas Day family members drop by, and it’s very relaxed.”
– Gordon & Jan Gundaker

season to late January. Last year, Gordon and Jan hosted 135 guests at the traditional end-of-the-season party.

Whether planning a fabulous party (the couple has also thrown matchless Halloween parties) or collaborating at Gundaker Commercial Group, the couple's enthusiasm for life and benevolent spirit can't be beat. "We work as a team," says Jan.

"Everywhere I've worked, I've had an open door policy," says Gordon. My family and my business have been my life since I was 20. Over the years, our Gundaker 'family' has become our extended family," says Gordon.

Gordon, a leader in the community and chairman and owner of Gundaker Commercial Group, Inc., founded Gundaker Realtors in 1968 and recently branched out with a new division called Gundaker Homes. Due to many developed lots available in the market, the company is now developing homes in the St. Louis and Wentzville areas. "Every time we put someone in a house – we put someone in a 'home,'" says Gordon.

"To see the growth of the company and the people within it only happens by treating each



Above: The canopy of the barrel-vaulted ceiling spotlights the master suite lounge. **Below:** Hand-painted walls provide a rich, textured backdrop for the master bedroom's beautifully carved furnishings. **Opposite page:** The cherry wood raised paneling and carved details on the marble fireplace surround were created on-site. The production of the hand-inlaid floor involved more than a dozen species of wood.




"I've always loved Christmas."
– Gordon Gundaker



Above: The home's lower level was specifically designed for entertainment and family fun. Dark cherry wood cabinets and Old World light fixtures set the tone for the comfortable "Tuscan" feel. The wet bar cabinetry is enhanced by a rare black Brazilian granite top and embellished with a hand-carved grapevine theme, expressing Gordon's love for wine. For the season, extraordinary Fitz & Floyd collectible cars are displayed. **Below:** The hearth room is a favorite gathering spot adjacent to the kitchen. The fireplace, along with the fireplace surrounds in the great room, study, master suite, and outdoor veranda, were all carved from solid limestone or marble blocks by artisans outside the country. **Opposite page:** Whimsy overflows on one of the home's fabulous Christmas trees.

individual, including our customers, as family," says Gordon.

The couple's generosity reaches into the community in this season of giving. Dear to their hearts is a Christmas project of which Gordon and Jan are very proud. For more than 20 years, agents at Gundaker branches have purchased and wrapped gifts for foster children through the Missouri Department of Social Services, Children's Division. The gifts are then delivered to the agency. What began with the Gundaker residential division has carried over into the commercial division, and last year, agents filled two truckloads of gifts for hundreds of the area's foster children in St. Louis and St. Charles counties.

The couple is also involved in Friends of Kids with Cancer (Gundaker Commercial Group is a sponsor), and Gordon is a past president of the St. Louis Arthritis Foundation.

"Through giving, we've received so much in return," says Gordon. "Just picturing the smiles on the children's faces is reward enough." •

See page 76 for design resources.





Lilies Take Center Stage

Trumpet in the holidays with delightful, fragrant lilies as the centerpiece of your season.

BY LUCYANN BOSTON FLORAL ARRANGEMENT PHOTOGRAPHY BY ANNE MATHEIS

The lovely lily is among the oldest known cultivated plants. Lilies have played an important role in history, dating back to the days of Ancient Greece and Rome, when they were often used for ornamentation. Today, the tiger lily and the Madonna lily, named for its sweet scent and purity, are two of the most popular varieties.



Equally as stunning are Asiatic lilies, such as the raspberry-pink 'Corsica' and 'Crete' varieties, which bloom in early summer and are known for their striking colors. Oriental lilies, such as the pure white 'Casa Blanca' and pink 'Stargazer,' bloom later and are known for their beauty and fragrance.

With all the history and symbolism behind them, lilies are the perfect flower to celebrate the abundance of Thanksgiving and the joy and spirituality of the ensuing holiday season.

Recently, floral designer Bob Hauck of Walter Knoll Florist created some lovely, lily-centered arrangements to illustrate how this beautiful flower can span the entire holiday season. Here are some of his tips that will work in your own home.

Build the base of the arrangement with seasonal foliage. (For Thanksgiving, Bob selected sheaves of wheat, bittersweet berries and spiney grevillea; for upcoming holiday celebrations he used pine, bare branches, pine cones and even sparkling ornaments.) Then, add lilies or other fresh flowers. The base of the arrangement can remain throughout the season. Refresh the arrangement with new flowers as the old ones fade.

Change the water in the arrangement every day. Bacteria builds up in the water and causes flowers to age more quickly. Also, remove all leaves below the water line to prevent bacteria buildup.

To enjoy an arrangement for the maximum time, purchase bunches of lilies that are in tight bud. The flowers will open at different times. Remove tired blossoms as new ones open. Carefully snip off pollen-laden anthers in new blossoms to prevent clothing stains.

To maximize holiday glitz, consider spraying dried material, such as pine cones or bare branches, gold or silver and even adding touches of sprinkled-on glitter. •

The modest Rose puts forth a thorn, The humble sheep a threat'ning horn:
While the Lily white shall in love delight, Nor a thorn nor a threat stain her beauty bright.

– William Blake, poet, Songs of Experience



Opposite page: Asiatic lilies highlight a Thanksgiving Day arrangement. **Above:** ‘Casa Blanca’ lilies lend an elegant sophistication to the table. **Below:** Raspberry-shaded ‘Stargazer’ Oriental lilies add a vibrant flair to a holiday centerpiece. *See page 76 for design resources.*





HOW TO PLANT LILIES IN YOUR OWN GARDEN

Thanks to hybridizers who began to work with lilies in the 1920s, the flower that for centuries was rare and difficult to grow is now readily available to the home gardener in an immense number of colors.

- Plant lilies in the fall or early spring. In St. Louis they will do best in locations that receive either filtered sun throughout the day or morning sun and afternoon shade. Choose bulbs that are firm and free from blemishes and rot. Then, plant them 5 to 6 inches deep in well-drained soil that has been amended to 12 inches with organic matter.
- To help plants become established and encourage root growth, consider incorporating bone meal into the soil. For best results apply a balanced, time-release bulb fertilizer as soon as the plants are a few inches tall in the spring.
- Because lilies prefer shaded roots, combine lilies with low-growing perennials or taller companion plants that will shade the base of the lily.
- To enjoy lilies for the maximum amount of time, mingle Asiatic and Oriental lilies in the garden.



LILY SIDEBAR PHOTOGRAPHY BY MICHAEL JACOB AT THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

Gifts of Green

Nature-inspired gift ideas that any green thumb would love to find under the tree

BY KATIE UNDERHILL

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november | december gardening calendar

EDITED BY HEIDI DEAN | Adapted from the Missouri Botanical Garden calendar at **mobot.org**

NOVEMBER

- **CONTINUE** watering evergreens until the ground freezes. Soil must not be dry when winter arrives.
- **REMOVE** the spent flowers and foliage of perennials after they are frost-damaged.
- **PLANT** tulips early in the month.
- **MULCH** flower and bulb beds after the ground freezes to prevent injury to plants from frost heaving.
- **TILL UNDER** any unused, finished compost to improve garden soils.
- **DIVIDE** overcrowded or unproductive rhubarb plants.
- **KEEP** mulches pulled back several inches from the base of fruit trees to prevent bark injury from rodents.
- **SET UP** bird feeders. Birds appreciate unfrozen drinking water during the winter.

DECEMBER

- **WATER** houseplants with tepid water.
- **GIVE** overwintering geraniums bright light and cool temperatures.
- **MOVE** houseplants back from icy windows on cold nights.
- **USE** hairspray to keep seeds and dried flowers intact on wreaths and arrangements.
- **MULCH** the root zones of azaleas and rhododendrons thoroughly. Mulches made from oak leaves, shredded oak bark, or pine needles are preferred.
- **TRIM** hollies the first few weeks of the month. Use the prunings in holiday décor.
- **APPLY** mulches to bulbs, perennials and other small plants once the ground freezes.
- **CLEAN AND OIL** all garden hand tools before storing for the winter.



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Of course the obvious comes to mind when planning an eco-friendly table. Organic linens, recycled glassware, bamboo dinner, serving and flatware, and beeswax candles, just to name a few. But what if you want to go beyond that? What if you want to glam it up a bit, lay on the charm or add a dash of the unexpected?

Sue Lombardo is the owner of Glendale's Recycled Rose, an eclectic shop brimming with a little bit of everything, from silver trays to lamps, planters, fresh-preserved flowers, and more. As Sue puts it, her best customer is the one "who always tries to look at things and see how to reuse them." And that philosophy is at the heart of greenscaping.

Her shop is an abundant resource of eco-friendly ideas for making your holiday tablescape a gift in itself for your guests. "I love to create the element of surprise when designing a tabletop," says Sue. And by reusing and repurposing treasures from the past, you are not only putting together a fabulous look, you are giving a nod to Mother Nature, too.

The White Rabbit on Manchester is another must-go-to shop when looking to make an eco-friendly splash on your holiday table. The owners of this vintage and vintage-inspired boutique, Angie and Lindsay Mathey, are a mother/daughter team who are quite talented at coming up with unique and fun tablescapes using well-loved items. They encourage thinking outside the box when selecting pieces to adorn your table. "For instance," says Angie, "a chenille bedspread could make a charming tablecloth. Another idea is to use antique holiday postcards placed in whimsical holders for place cards. An old birdcage could be a sweet centerpiece filled with colorful ornaments and miniature holiday items."

Carolyn Dixon, Owner of Second Sitting Consignments, also on Manchester, loves the idea of reusing treasured pieces to add flavor to holiday gatherings. "Young people especially love using retro china," she says, "mixing up different patterns to create a unique style adds interest to a tablescape." Second Sitting also offers a wide variety of serving pieces. "Cake stands adorned with holiday décor or tasty treats are very popular to use as centerpieces," she says. "Creative customers have been purchasing our vintage jewelry, such as pins and bracelets, to use on napkins as napkin rings."

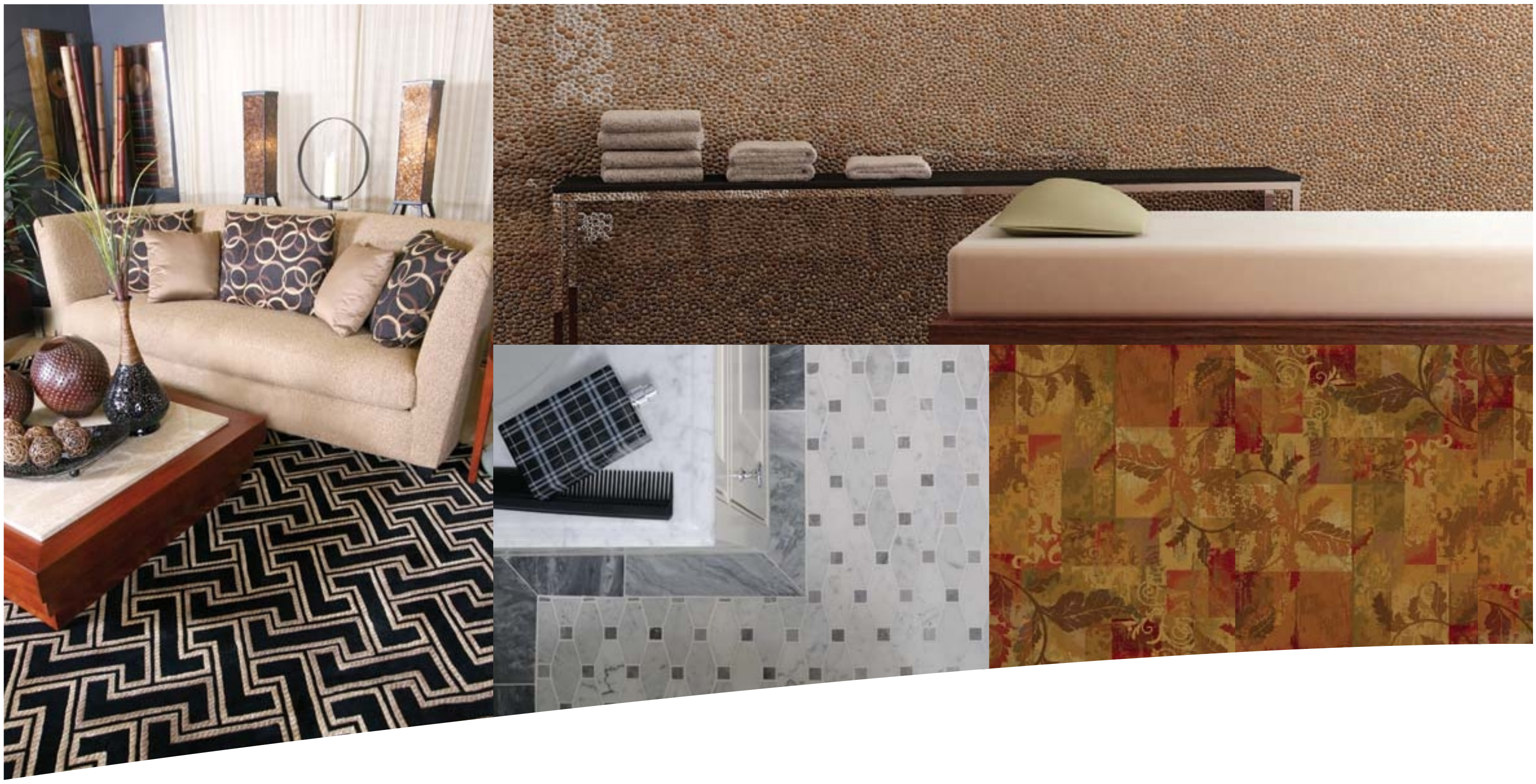
And the list goes on! Let these stylish, eco-creative tablescape ideas inspire a smart, natural, harmonious look for your holiday table. This season, "green" has never sounded better. • *See page 76 for product resources.*



"Eco-tablescapes are music to my ears!"

– Judy, SLHL's Green Girl

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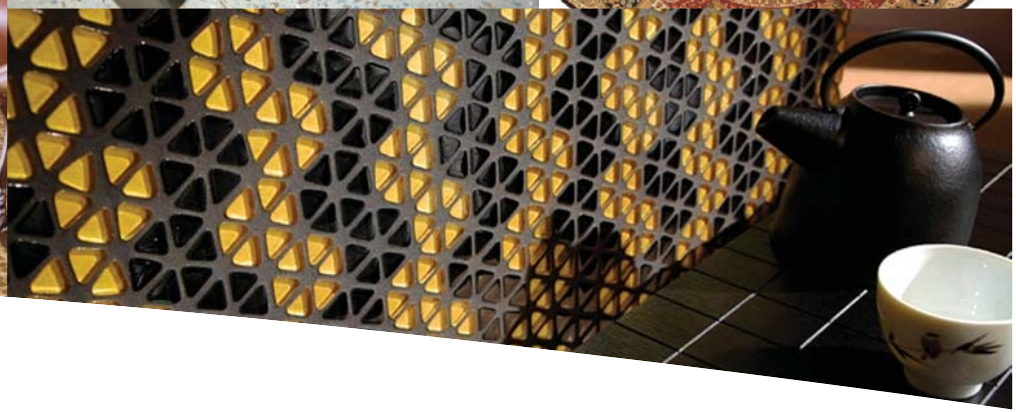


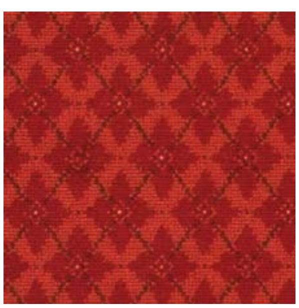
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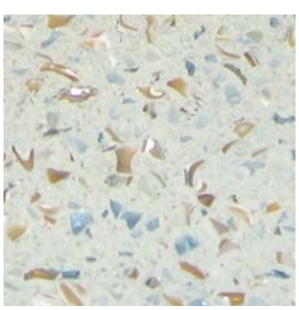





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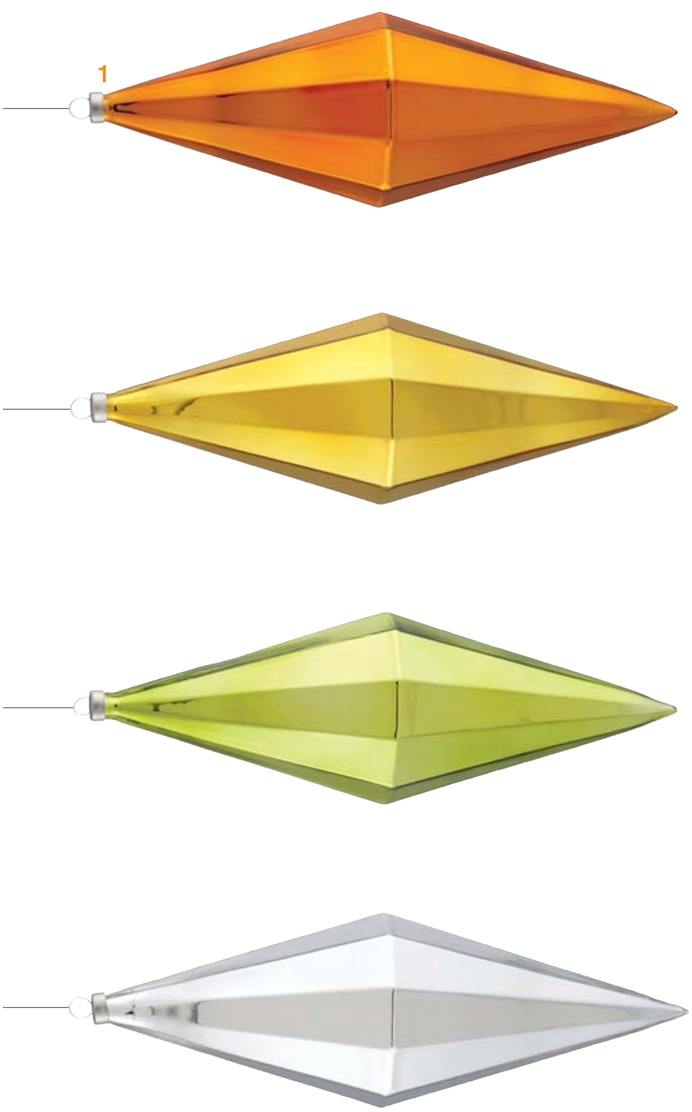
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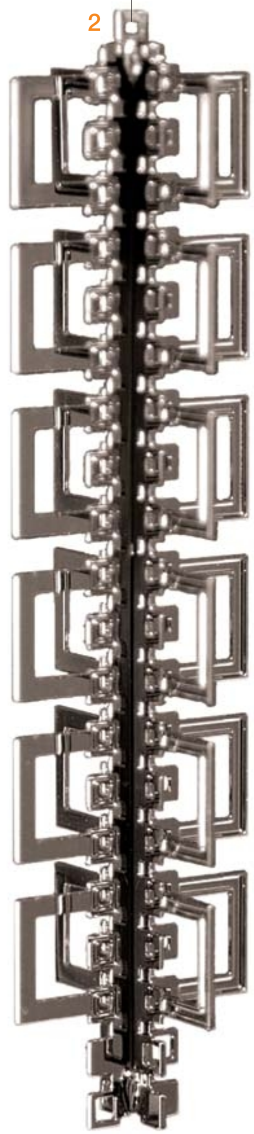
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BY KATIE UNDERHILL

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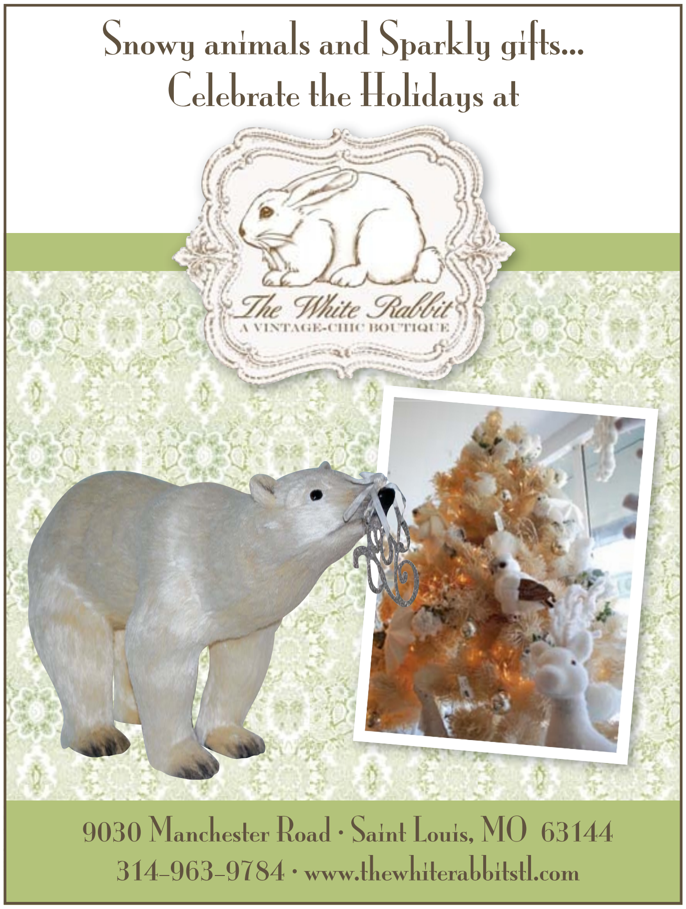
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A holiday-adorned buffet chest sparkles with a collection of whimsical accessories that create a dazzling display to light up the season. With its Old-World presence, the golden holidayscape lends a majestic feel to the home's traditionally designed dining room, decorated for a season of entertaining.

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Strength in Numbers

BY KATIE UNDERHILL

St. Louis comes together in support of its veterans.


BEFORE

CHALLENGE: To update and renovate the 104-year-old Windsor Transitional House in downtown St. Louis, which provides emergency shelter and transitional housing for returning veterans as part of HGTV's "Change the World: American Heroes" community revitalization and environmental awareness initiative.

SOLUTION: HGTV's Carter Oosterhouse and Monica Pedersen brought their home design expertise to St. Louis in June, partnering with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Natural Resources Defense Council, Rebuilding Together and more than 350 local volunteers.

In keeping with the original style of the two-story, four-bedroom house – purchased in 1994 by Hence

"I've never before worked with this many people on a project." – Monica Pedersen



Exterior photos courtesy of HGTV

J. Foreland, a Desert Storm veteran with a vision of creating The Windsor Transitional House – Monica chose historical colors and flooring that would blend well with the building's history-rich aesthetic. "The structure of the home is loaded with architecture and charm reflective of Old St. Louis," says Monica. To preserve the house's historic integrity, architectural details were made to match its original look, all while improving energy efficiency with updates such as new windows and doors. Volunteers painted time-worn walls, installed bead board to cover old plastered walls, replaced the back porch, created custom cedar benches, installed better ceilings, and improved the house's light fixtures. To complete the stellar renovation, decorative star accents were added to the interior and exterior to give the house a fitting patriotic touch.

The community donated 3,000 hours of time to the renovation, and nearly 40 local businesses sponsored the heartfelt hometown project. •



BEFORE

"Change the World: American Heroes" will air on the HGTV network at 7 p.m. Central on Veterans Day, November 11, 2009.



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MARC CHRISTIAN FINE CABINETRY "Evonne and I just wanted to say thank you again for the great kitchen! Your collective efforts have truly brought our vision to reality, and again, thank you." *– David Jones, Creve Coeur, MO*

SCOTT HEPPER, FLORAL DESIGNER, CARRIAGE HOUSE FLORALS AT DIANE BRECKENRIDGE INTERIORS "Your truly Tuscan tabletop was simply unbelievable for the Children's Hospital Tabletop Benefit at the Ritz! You're so talented!" *– Gayle Palmer, Children's Hospital Benefits committee*

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Seasoning for a Fall Party

Executive Chef "Boston" and Chef Michael from The Gardens at Malmaison treated *SLHL* readers to an evening of fine cuisine at *SLHL*'s Cooking School at AUTCOHome in the IDC.














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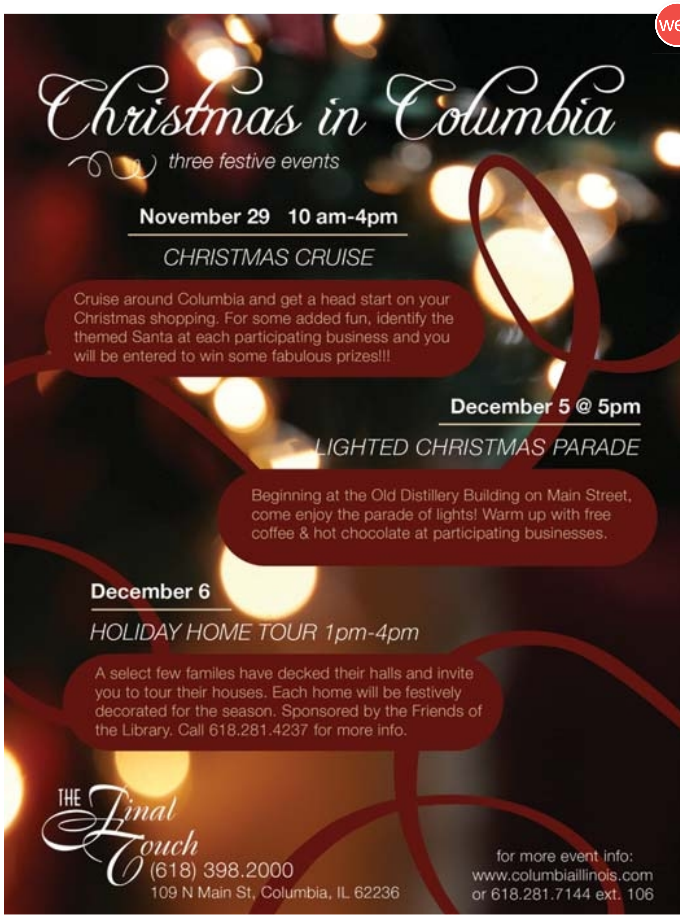
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GARDEN FEATURE (pgs 56-57)
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ECOLOGIC (pg 60)
Stemmed mercury glass candy dishes, glittery pinecones, reproduction mercury glass acorn ornaments, (front) heirloom silver tray as charger, thistle deer and tree – The White Rabbit, 9030 Manchester Rd., 314-963-9784, www.thewhiterabbitstl.com ■ China plates and bowl, placemat – Second Sitting Consignments, 10410 Manchester Rd., 314-965-4949, www.secondsitting.com ■ Pewter flatware, pewter stemmed wine glass, linen napkin and linen tablecloth – Williams-Sonoma, 260 Plaza Frontenac, www.williamssonoma.com ■ (back) Heirloom silver tray as charger – Recycled Rose, 421 N. Sappington Rd., 314-822-2857.

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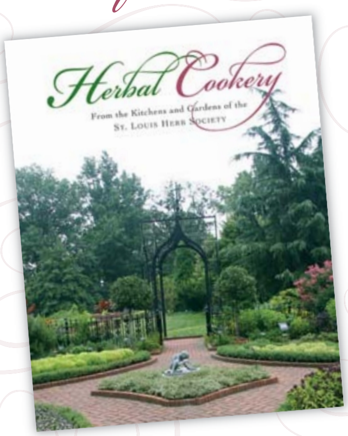

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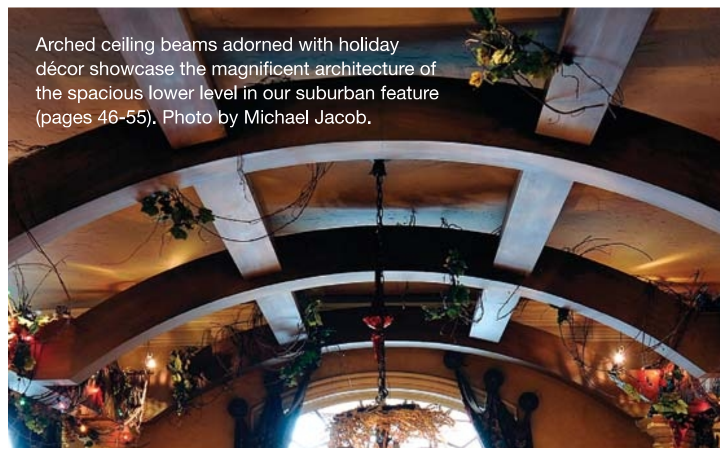
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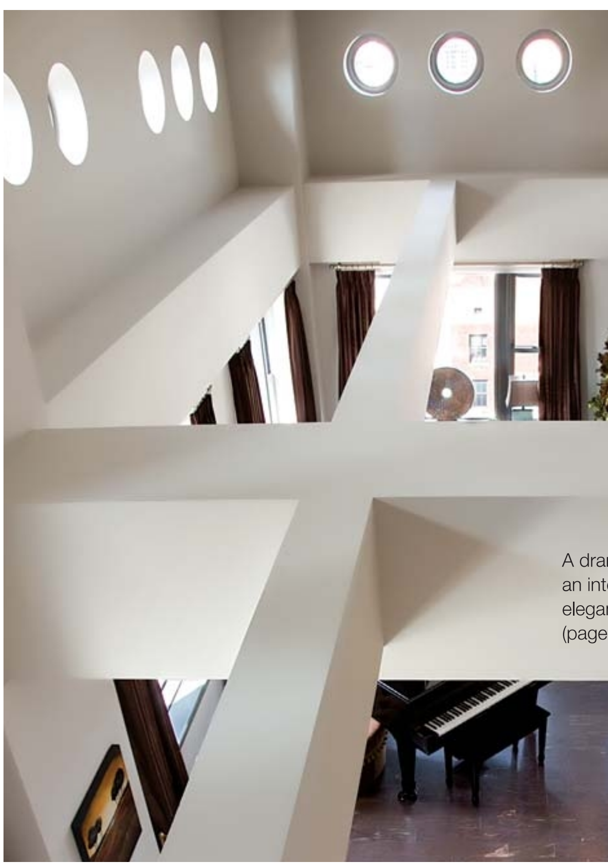
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Vibrant hues create a delightful holiday palette in the charming guest suite of our Spotlight Space (page 22). Photo by Michael Jacob.



Arched ceiling beams adorned with holiday décor showcase the magnificent architecture of the spacious lower level in our suburban feature (pages 46-55). Photo by Michael Jacob.



A dramatic overhead view offers an interesting perspective on the elegant design of our urban feature (page 41). Photo by Rob Grimm.



An occasional chair with a striking silhouette shapes an inviting gathering space in the gracious setting of our urban feature (page 43). Photo by Rob Grimm.

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